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SUBJECT: REACTION TO BERGER REPORT; PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE  
SCHEDULED

REF: OTTAWA 3792

1. MEDIA AND OTHER REACTIONS TO BERGER REPORT CONTINUE TO  
WIND DOWN, BUT REPORT WILL BE SUBJECT OF ONE-DAY DEBATE IN  
HOUSE OF COMMONS MAY 13.

2. NDP IS FORCING ISSUE, AND WE UNDERSTAND ED BROADBENT  
INTENDS TO PRESENT MOTION CALLING FOR APPROVAL OF BERGER'S  
RECOMMENDATION FOR A 10-YEAR MORATORIUM ON A MACKENZIE  
VALLEY PIPELINE. PC LEADER JOE CLARK'S OFFICE HAS TOLD US  
CONSERVATIVES WILL SEEK TO ADD AMENDMENT TO NDP MOTION.  
PROBLEM FOR CONSERVATIVES, AS IS EVIDENT FROM PARAGRAPH  
FOUR BELOW, IS THAT THEY ARE NOT UNITED IN THEIR ATTITUDE  
TOWARDS PIPELINE QUESTION.

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3. LIBERALS ARE TAKING DEBATE SERIOUSLY AND WILL SEEK TO  
REDUCE DAMAGE BY ARGUING THAT PARLIAMENT SHOULD NOT TAKE  
ANY POSITION ON A PIPELINE ROUTE UNTIL NEB HAS SUBMITTED  
ITS REPORT. ACCORDING TO SOURCE IN PRIME MINISTER'S  
OFFICE, ALL LIBERAL MPS, EXCEPT TRUDEAU, JAMIESON, AND  
MACDONALD, WHO ARE STILL IN EUROPE, ARE BEING SUMMONED  
BACK TO OTTAWA FOR VOTE. IN ANY CASE, GOVERNMENT HAS

AGREED TO ALLOW TOMORROW'S DEBATE IN RESPONSE TO  
OPPOSITION CRITICISMS THAT PARLIAMENT WAS NOT BEING GIVEN  
OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE MAJOR INPUT INTO PIPELINE DECISION.  
DEBATE WILL AT LEAST ALLOW MPS TO LET OFF STEAM ON THIS  
ISSUE.

4. TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL COLUMNIST GEOFFREY STEVENS  
DEVOTES MAY 12 COLUMN TO ALLEGED SERIOUS SPLIT IN CONSERV-  
ATIVE PARTY MEMBERS. "ON ONE SIDE STAND MANY OF THEIR

WESTERN MEMBERS WHO ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE ECONOMIC  
FUTURE OF THEIR REGION, PLUS SOME OF THE ONTARIO MPS WHO  
WANT GAS SUPPLIES FOR CENTRAL CANADIAN CONSUMERS. ON THE  
OTHER SIDE STAND MPS WHO BELIEVE THAT THE PARTY SHOULD  
GIVE PRECEDENCE TO NATIVE RIGHTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL  
PROTECTION". HE CONCLUDES BY SUGGESTING TORIES OPPOSE  
ALCAN PIPELINE UNLESS THEY CAN BE CONVINCED OTHERWISE. IT  
IS EVIDENT THAT HE BELIEVES ARCTIC GAS ROUTE IS DEAD AND  
ATTENTION SHOULD NOW BE FOCUSED ON KILLING ALCAN PROPOSAL.

5. ELSEWHERE, COLUMNIST CHARLES LYNCH CONTINUES TO DISCUSS  
BERGER REPORT. ON MAY 12 HE FOCUSES ON WONDERING WHY THE  
TRUDEAU GOVERNMENT SELECTED JUSTICE BERGER TO PREPARE THE  
REPORT. OTTAWA JOURNAL ON MAY 11 CHIDED CBC FOR OVER-  
PUBLICIZING THE BERGER REPORT. CTV ON EVENING NEWS  
EDITORIALIZED ON PIPELINE ALTHOUGH IT DID NOT COME OUT  
WITH ANY FIRM CONCLUSIONS; IT SIMPLY POINTED OUT ALL THE  
PROBLEMS WHICH CANADA MUST NOW FACE. ENDERS  
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